

# PATTISON

February 12, 2001

Mr. John H Fisher  
Chief Building Official  
City Of St. Catharines  
City Hall  
50 Church Street P.O. Box 3012  
St. Catharines, ON. L2R 7C2

Dear Mr. Fisher:

RE: 241 Queenston Street Request for Minor Variance

Pattison Outdoor Advertising, on behalf of Jim Pattison Industries Ltd., request a variance to complete the work undertaken to correct the unsafe conditions as per the letter titled "Order to Remedy Unsafe Third Party Sign", as issued by Building Inspector Roman Mychaskiw.

Pattison Outdoor engaged the services of Len Maile, a Professional Structural Engineer to inspect the sign and determine how best to correct our structural problem.

The issue as indicated by Inspector Mychaskiw are the wood support posts. These posts were installed at the time by a direct pour method in the cement.

It was this undertaking by our Contractor that has recently led to the your "Stop Work Order" letter, Mr. Fisher.

It is my understanding (after conversations with both yourself and Roman) that the Billboard sign is legal non-conforming due to its proximity to the Residential Lands, and because it does not meet the separation requirement of 200m from other existing third party signs. Hence, your department could not issue Pattison Outdoor a permit to replace the sign.

The dilemma Pattison Outdoor faces, is that we have an order to remedy an unsafe third party sign, but when we attempt to do so, we receive a "Stop Work Order". I would argue not because it "has not been complied with within the time specified therein", but the actual reason for the letter is that we had not obtained a permit to replace the sign. A permit in which you cannot not issue anyway.

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Please allow this letter to act as a request to allow Pattison Outdoor the opportunity to go before the appropriate Committee to obtain a variance to replace a legal, non-conforming Third Party Sign, that has been determined to be unsafe. Since there has been a Third Party Sign of one type or another on this property for more years than anyone can determine, no one can argue our application will negatively effect the aesthetics of the streetscape; in fact the replacement of the dilapidated sign would be a definite visual improvement. Consequently, I believe our request is minor in nature, and I would hope receive your support.

Yours Truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Klein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Mark Klein  
Leasing Representative  
Southwest Region